

TUTTLE CHARTER

Brief Synopsis of the Bill Passed by the Legislature.

NEW POLICE COMMISSION

Changes the Time of Holding City Elections from December to June and Does Away with the Annual Election.

The Tuttle charter bill, which has passed both houses of the legislature and will probably become a law, notwithstanding the veto of the governor, should he choose to exercise that prerogative, will make a change in the police department of the city. The fire department will remain as it is. The principal feature of the bill cuts out the annual election of councilmen and provides for only one election in two years. This amendment has the indorsement and approval of nearly all the people of Astoria. It is a saving to the city of at least \$300 a year and saves the annoyance and trouble of registering every time there is an election.

A large portion of the Burns charter bill is incorporated in the Tuttle bill, as the amendments were considered necessary. All members of the common council are elected for four years, instead of three years, as at present. All the councilmen from the Third ward are continued in office until the general election in June, 1906. All other councilmen are to be elected at the annual election in June, 1906. The terms of office of the auditor and police judge, city treasurer, superintendent of streets, mayor and surveyor are extended for six months, while the term of the city attorney is shortened six months.

The new charter provides that all nominations for city officers shall be certified to the county clerk and by him placed on the same ballot for state and county officers. The votes are canvassed by the county clerk and he certifies to the auditor and police judge all officers elected for municipal positions.

The charter appoints S. S. Gordon, F. J. Curney and R. G. Pruel as a board of police and fire commissioners to hold office until the general election in June, 1906, at which time three members of the commission are to be elected, one for two years, one for four years and one for six years. The new commission is to meet and organize within 10 days after the bill becomes a law. There is an emergency clause attached to the bill, and if it is not vetoed by the governor, it will become a law on the 15th of February, at which time the board will meet and appoint a chief of police and six officers, if that number are considered necessary.

There will be no increase in expenditures or unnecessary bills contracted, on the contrary, it is probable that considerable unnecessary expense that has been doled out to democratic pets will be cut off. The commission will work along the lines of retrenchment and economy with a view of curtailing many of the unnecessary expenses of the present city government. The mayor and common council will be consulted and probably requested to meet with the commission in the management of city affairs, and it is believed that the more the new charter is understood the better satisfaction will it give. Considerable opposition to the charter comes from people not familiar with its provisions and there is no doubt of their support with a more thorough understanding of its provisions.

JIM LAWS' JOKE.

Finds a Classification for the Democratic Officeholder.

The following comes from Salem and shows that Jim Laws realizes in what company he sits:

"James Noel Laws, maker of laws for and behalf of the good people whose nostrils sniff the brine of the deep along the shores of the classic Clatsop, said something funny the other day that should not be allowed to go down into the voiceless silence of the dreamless dust unwept, unremembered and unsung, hence this chronicle.

"It happened while Creator of Statutes Edwards of Linn was holding forth in fearful strenuousness for a certain law, one of the purposes of which was to prohibit the hunting of deer with hounds, and when it reached a point where the orator of the occasion said that if the hounds were called in, the varmints would go out and slay sheep and other beasts of the field, to wit, goats. James Noel Laws inclined his oracles into juxtaposition with the auditory organ of Clyde Gibson Huntley and spoke in tones of sufficient voluminousness to be heard within a radius of divers and sundry feet in all directions, as follows: "The only varmints they allow to run in our country are democrats," which, taken

in connection with the immediate presence of democratic James Noel Laws, as a self-inflicted joke, sounded so funny that the joker thereof actually laughed in propria persona."

A Clerical Highwayman.

About the middle of the eighteenth century, when it was almost fashionable among men of position in English society to take to the road as highwaymen, it was reported that Twysden, lord bishop of Raphoe, was taken suddenly ill on Hounslow Heath. He was carried thence to a friend's house and died there of what was said to be an internal complaint. The truth of the matter was, however, that the bishop had been collecting tithes in an illegal and forcible manner from travelers upon the heath when one of these, objecting to this extortion, shot him through the body.—London Standard.

Power of Ocean Breakers.

Experiments made at the Bell Rock and Skerryvore lighthouses, on the Scottish coast, have shown that, while the force of breakers in the German ocean may be taken as about a ton and a half on every square foot of surface, Atlantic breakers fall with a weight of about three tons to the square foot. On one occasion during a heavy gale huge blocks of granite and limestone were washed about like pebbles at the Plymouth breakwater, carried 200 feet up its inclined plane and scattered beyond it in all directions. One of the blocks weighed nearly two tons.

Pretty Lead.

"I heard something about you yesterday; I can't quite remember what it was, however."
"It must have been that tie my wife gave me; I wore that yesterday."—Houston Post.

The Worm Turned.

Publisher—I can't see anything in that manuscript of yours. **Struggling Author**—I presume not; but, you know, some of your readers may be more intelligent.

Proof Positive.

The Actress—Don't you think he is a sensible young man? **Her Father**—Oh, yes; he wants to marry a nice girl whose father has lots of money.

In argument smiles are like songs in love—they describe much, but prove nothing.—Prior.

DAILY WITH MONEY

Washington Solons Provide for State Depositories.

PURE FOOD BILL INTRODUCED

Senator Earles Wants to Impose One Dollar a Day Fine for Failure to deliver box cars Ordered by Bona Fide Shippers.

Olympia, Feb. 9.—If the bill that passed the house today becomes a law, offsetting debts against moneys and credits in taxation of personal property will be abolished in this state.

The house also passed the house bill providing for keeping states funds in selected depositories which shall pay interest on deposits.

The senate passed seven senate bills, among them the bill providing penalties for adulteration of food.

Senator Earles today introduced a bill to impose a penalty of a dollar a day on the railroad companies for each freight car applied for by bona fide shippers and not supplied after the sixth day elapses. This bill is in the interest of mill men who have sustained losses from failure to secure cars.

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What with the lowering of passenger rates between coast points and Astoria and Portland, and what with the increasing number of people coming to Portland on business connected with the impending fair, travel on the passenger steamers is assuming larger proportions than for a long time. The opposition lines predicted that the Roanoke would fail to pay her expenses when she was put on the Frisco run a few weeks ago, but instead of falling the boat has had well filled staterooms on every trip, and there seems to be no diminution of travel on the Columbia, and Costa Rica, to say nothing of the steam schooners and smaller vessels like the Sue Elmore and the Homer.

The Homer arrived yesterday with a full list of passengers from Coos Bay, Tillamook and other points, and the Kilburn is due in with a full list of passengers and cargo of freight from San Francisco today.

The steam schooners leaving out the past week with lumber for coast points have had all the passengers they could care for for San Francisco, Los Angeles and Redondo, though, of course, their rates are lower than the regular passenger boats on account of their slow time down.

Abrogation of the Panama railway's exclusive contract with the Pacific Mail has diverted several steamers to the isthmus that would otherwise have been put on the Portland-San Francisco run this spring, but it is stated that there will be no trouble in recruiting from the Alaskan fleet and other sources, so that when travel sets in toward the Lewis and Clark fair the water route from the Bay City will be heavily patronized.

Marine Notes.

The tug M. F. Hazen is tied up near the Electro and is undergoing repairs made necessary by the recent accident of running on a submerged pile which made her turn turtle. She seems little the worse for her submersion and will be running again in a few days.

The Costa Rica arrived in from San Francisco yesterday about a day late. She bucked a heavy head wind all the way up.

The China liner Nicomedia left up the river yesterday to discharge a cargo of Asiatic freight.

The steamer Sue Elmore left out yesterday with freight and passengers for Tillamook.

The steamer Northland started down the river last evening and will probably leave out for San Francisco this morning.

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